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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS WITH DEBRIS SUPPRESSION, AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability dated July 26, 2006, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance." Applicant respectfully traverses these Reasons. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole. That is, the patentability of the claims rests on the combination of recited elements and limitations. As such, Applicant submits that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart or be required for patentability of the claims. Furthermore, Applicant also submits that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claims, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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